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Local Hire Disclosure by the Community Development Commission

Efforts are underway to promote Local Worker Hiring policies on publicly financed public works projects as a means of stimulating local job creation, to ensure that Los Angeles County residents are extended the employment benefits of, and economic opportunities associated with, said work and mitigating the costs associated with providing human and social services associated with high unemployment and poverty. Until recently, voluntary Local Worker Hiring efforts have been pursued at various Los Angeles County projects administered by the Department of Public Works. At the request of the Board of Supervisors, data currently being collected by the County Department of Public Works on these voluntary efforts are being posted on its website in an effort to provide the general public with objective, empirical data by which to measure the effectiveness of these Local Worker Hire efforts.

However, no such Local Worker Hire requirements, voluntary or otherwise, or posting of data on the employment of residents in communities surrounding its developments have been required of projects administered by the Los Angeles County Community Development Commission (CDC). On February 24, 2011, demands by local residents at one such site in the Athens-Westmont community for employment resulted in a verbal altercation which was reported to CDC staff by the contractor. The

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altercation allegedly included threats of violence and physical destruction of the work at the site by the residents. Such threats have no place in or around such construction worksites and should be condemned in the strongest terms. Threats of physical violence and destruction of private property should not be tolerated and any such acts should be investigated and prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, ACTING AS THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION:

1. Direct the Executive Director of the Community Development Commission (CDC), in consultation with the Director of the Department of Public Works, to make available to all Board offices a monthly report for CDC financed new housing developments of \$10 million total project cost or more, on the retention by contractors of workers living within a five mile radius and in communities within Los Angeles County ZIP Codes with unemployment rates exceeding 150% of the County average as of this date.

The reports shall include, but not be limited to, a description of the voluntary obligations, if any, associated with the Local Worker Hire efforts; the total estimated number of construction hours that will be expended to conclude the projects; the number and percentage of construction hours completed to date; the number and percentage of construction hours performed by journey; apprentice and non-apprentice-level construction workers; the percentage of the job that is being sub-contracted by the prime contractor to date; their status as a Small Business Enterprise and

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the estimated value of the sub-contract(s); whether these workers are under a collective bargaining agreement; the percentage of the workforce residing within a 5, 10 and 15 mile radius of the project site or within ZIP Codes with unemployment rates exceeding 150% of the County average as of this date; and any data to date on the ethnicity of the workforce currently being utilized and the quantity of hours worked;

2. Direct the Executive Director of the CDC to report this-e data every month for the duration of the projects; and
3. Direct the Director of the CDC to post these reports on the CDC website.

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